

The Humble
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Of the Right Honourable the
Lords Spiritual and Temporal

In Parliament assembled,

P R E S E N T E D T O

H I S M A J E S T Y,

On *Wednesday* the Twenty eighth Day of *November*, 1744.

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ORdered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, That the Address of this House, presented to His Majesty, and His Majesty's most gracious Answer thereunto, be forthwith printed and published.

Ashley Cowper,
Cler' Parliamentor'

The Humble ADDRESS of the Right Honourable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament assembled.

Die Martis, 27^o Novembris, 1744.

Most Gracious Sovereign,



E, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, beg Leave to return Your Majesty our humble Thanks for Your most Gracious Speech from the Throne.

Our Zeal for Your Majesty, the Love of our Country, and our anxious Regard for the Welfare and Liberties of *Europe*, have made us look, with the utmost Concern, on those Events which have fallen out, during the last Summer, to the Disadvantage of the Common Cause: And our Surprize is no less, when we consider the Part, which has been taken by some Powers, so contrary to their own true and essential Interest. The Necessity of taking proper Measures to prevent or remove the ill Effects of these Events, is apparent; and no Endeavours shall be wanting in us to obviate them.

We have seen, with the utmost Satisfaction, not only Your Majesty's Magnanimity and Zeal in the Prosecution of the just and necessary War, wherein we are engaged, but also the Constancy and Firmness shewn by the Queen of *Hungary* and the King of *Sardinia*, under the greatest Difficulties. The Disappointment of an Enterprize, form'd for the Destruction of the latter, as well as for reducing *Italy* under the Dominion of the House of *Bourbon*, is of great Importance to this Nation; since, if such a Design had succeeded, it must have been attended with fatal Consequences to the Trade and Navigation of Your Majesty's Subjects in the *Mediterranean*.

We acknowledge, with the greatest Thankfulness, Your Majesty's Wisdom and Goodness in declaring to Your Parliament, that You are determined to carry on the War, in Conjunction with Your Allies, and with their effectual Assistance, in such a Manner as may be most conducive to a safe and honourable Peace. In making this desirable End Your sole Aim, Your Majesty shews a just sense of true Glory, and a tender Regard, not only for Your own Subjects, but extended to the rest of *Europe*.

As Your Majesty's Resolution, never to abandon Your Allies, must be an additional Encouragement to them, strictly to perform their Engagements with Your Majesty, so Your paternal Care to procure the utmost Security to the Religion, Liberties, and Commerce of Your Kingdoms, cannot fail to excite in the Hearts of all Your faithful Subjects, the warmest Affection and Duty to Your Sacred Person, and Zeal for Your Defence and Support.

It is with real Satisfaction we receive Your Majesty's Declaration, that You are actually endeavouring with Your Allies, particularly the States General of the United Provinces, the ancient and natural Friends of this Nation, to adjust the Proportions of Forces and Expence to be borne by each of the Confederates in the War. Such a Concert will be the Basis of great Utility and Advantage to the Common Cause.

We are truly sensible of Your Majesty's Goodness, in laying before us these Your salutary Views and Intentions; and we do, with the greatest Zeal and Firmness, assure Your Majesty, that we are fully determined to support You in the steady Prosecution of them, and in carrying on such Measures, as it shall be necessary for *Great Britain* to pursue in this critical Conjunction.

May the Divine Providence prosper Your Majesty's Councils and Arms with Success equal to the Justice of Your Cause. For our Part, we beg Leave to give Your Majesty the strongest Assurances, that we have the Honour and Safety of Your Majesty, the Security and true Interest of Your Kingdoms, and the happy Issue of this just and necessary War, entirely at Heart; and will, at the Hazard of our Lives and Fortunes, stand by and defend Your Majesty, Your Royal Family, and Government, against the ambitious and destructive Designs of *France*, and of any other Power, that shall attempt to attack or disturb them.

His MAJESTY's most Gracious ANSWER.

My LORDS,

I Heartily thank you for this dutiful and affectionate Address. The Zeal, which you have so seasonably expressed for My Person and Government, for carrying on this just and necessary War, and for the vigorous Support of My Allies, give Me the greatest Satisfaction: And your Unanimity in doing this, cannot fail to add greatly to the good Effects of it, both at Home and Abroad.

